

REMARKS

The Restriction Action dated June 14, 2006 has been carefully considered. Claims 16-36 are pending. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled in this Response. Claims 16-36 are new and are added in this Response. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-15 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) §§ 806.05(d). In an earlier action, dated March 9, 2006, the Examiner identified seven groups of Claims: Group I (Claims 1, 3, 4), Group II (Claims 2, 13), Group III (Claim 5), Group IV (Claims 6, 9, 14), Group V (Claims 7, 9, 15), Group VI (Claims 8, 9), and Group VII (Claims 10, 11, 12). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's characterization of the Claims and the restriction requirement based thereon.

In the current Restriction Requirement, the Examiner advises Applicants to provide a Response that includes "an election of species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed" and "identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention." Restriction Action, at Page 2. Accordingly, Applicants elect, with traverse, the Examiner's identified Group IV (Claims 6, 9, and 14).

Applicants respectfully resubmit new Claims 16-36 in this Response. Support for Claims 16-36 can be found, among other places, at Page 6, line 4, through Page 9, line 9 of the original Application. Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 16-36 generally encompass the elected invention. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 16-36 limit prosecution of the present Application to a single elected invention and that entering new Claims 16-36 will significantly advance prosecution of this Application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 16-36 be entered and fully allowed.

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Applicants do not believe that any fees are due; however, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner require any further clarification to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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